

Rural Sanitary District of Whitchurch Hants

Area 30609 acres, Population 5658 (1891)

Annual Report for the year Ending
December 31st 1894

Registered Births

Whitchurch District	91
" Workhouse	2
Overtoun District	58
St Mary Bourne	35
Total	<u>186</u>

Deaths

Whitchurch District	52
" Workhouse	3
Overtoun District	24
St Mary Bourne	18
Total	<u>97</u>

Comparing this with the previous year we have

<u>Births</u>	<u>1893</u>	<u>1894</u>		
Whitchurch	124	93	decrease	31
Overtoun	63	58	"	5
St Mary Bourne	<u>40</u>	<u>35</u>	"	<u>5</u>
Total	<u>227</u>	<u>186</u>		<u>41</u>

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>1893</u>	<u>1894</u>		
Whitchurch -	38	52	increase	14
Workhouse	8	3	decrease	5
Overtoun	16	24	increase	8
St Mary Bourne	<u>21</u>	<u>18</u>	decrease	<u>3</u>
Total	<u>83</u>	<u>97</u>	increase	<u>14</u>

The Notification of Infectious Diseases Act
Adopted February 1890 shows the following result

Whitchurch District

Scarlatina	-	1
Diphtheria	-	2
Erysipelas	-	<u>4</u>
Total		<u>7</u>

Workhouse - - - 0

Overton

Scarlatina	1
Diphtheria	2
Erysipelas	<u>2</u>
Total	<u>5</u>

St Mary Bourne


Scarlatina	-	3
Membranous Croup	-	1
Erysipelas	- -	<u>4</u>
Total		<u>8</u>

Total in Sanitary Area 20

1890	1891	1892	1893	1894
<u>56</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>20</u>

Deaths from Notifiable Diseases

Whitchurch	<u>0</u>	Workhouse	<u>0</u>	Overton	<u>0</u>
St Mary Bourne - Croup	<u>1</u>	Erysipelas	<u>1</u>	=	<u>2</u>
1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	
<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	



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The Cases of Notifiable Infectious illness have been few and generally mild in type and have at no time presented any special features in connection with them beyond the fact that in no instance has the disease spread or amounted to an outbreak -

Whooping Cough and Mumps have been the prevailing diseases during the year the former causing 3 deaths in Whitchurch and 1 in Overton -

Tho. the year may be said to have been generally healthy there is an increase in the deaths as compared with the previous year - 5 deaths occurred in Infants prematurely born and living only a few hours -

It is fortunate that we have been free from the introduction of any serious infectious disease as we are in no better position than we were a year ago -

I much fear the idea of tents will be found very expensive and unsatisfactory if ever adopted -

As a result of many inspections the various matters requiring attention have been brought before the Sanitary Board and dealt with from time to time as needed - amongst them houses dirty and dilapidated, privy and other refuse nuisances and wells admitting soakage. The Scavenging requires constant

Attention and is not always well done -
Disinfectants have been supplied as
necessary and bedding destroyed
has been replaced

The death rate for the year is 17.7 per
1000 population and the Infant-
mortality (under 1 year) at the rate
of 112 per 1000 births registered -

The following Summary of work done during
the year has been kindly furnished by the
Inspector of Nuisances

Houses Disinfected	6
" Cleaned and Lime washed	6
" Made fit for occupation	2
Wells Cleaned out	5
" New Berbs & raised	8
Closets New	8
" Repaired and improved	10
Cesspools Cleaned out	6
" New Covered	4
Drains repaired	7
Pips removed	5
Pigstyes Cleaned & improved	14
River bed Cleaned	1
Certificate for water supply	1
Overcrowding abated	1
Dairy & Cowsheds Inspected	12
Slaughter houses Inspected	4
Bake houses do	12
Houses still to be made fit for occupation	5
Many heaps of refuse removed & nuisances abated	

From the above it will be seen that much good work has been done and by it a general improvement maintained. More attention to the Condition of the Cottages is required by the owners, both as regards the dwelling and its surroundings, its water supply, close accommodation and disposal of refuse.

The pail system which seems to be the best we can adopt is still unsatisfactory from failure to use dry earth or ashes a supply of either being difficult to obtain and the Closets are often so situated and constructed as to render the work of the Scavenger very difficult.

There is still a tendency to introduce pigs in unsuitable places and close to dwellings, but there should be no relaxation in the abatement of this nuisance -

I am Gentlemen
Your obedient servant
Henry Stennet
Med. Off. of Health

Jan'y 22 - 1895

To the Chairman & Gentlemen
of The Rural Sanitary District of
Whitchurch - Wants.

(A)

TABLE OF DEATHS during the Year 1894, in the *Witchhuck* *Hants* *Rural Sanitary* District.
classified according to DISEASES, AGES, and LOCALITIES.

NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; public institutions being shown as separate localities. (See note 4 on back of sheet.) (Columns for Population and Births are in Table B.)	MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES, AT SUBJOINED AGES.								MORTALITY FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES, DISTINGUISHING DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE.																							
	At all ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.	(i)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
									FEVERS.								Cholera.	Erysipelas.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Diarrhoea and Dysentery.	Rheumatic Fever.	Ague.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Pleurisy.	Heart Disease.	Injuries.	All Other Diseases.	TOTAL.			
									Typhus.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Continued	Relapsing	Puerperal.																			
Witchhuck District	52	14	9	2	4	10	13	Under 5 5 upwds.												3						2	9	5	4		11	23
Workhouse	3					1	2	Under 5 5 upwds.																			1			2	3	
Overton District	24	4	5	0	1	6	8	Under 5 5 upwds.																		4	3	4	1	5	9	
St. Mary Bourne Dist.	18	3	2	2	4	4	6	Under 5 5 upwds.			1								1	1	1				1	1	3		6	13		
TOTALS	97	21	16	4	6	21	29	Under 5 5 upwds.			1							1	1	4	1				3	15	12	1	17	37		

The subjoined numbers have also to be taken into account in judging of the above records of mortality. See Note 5 on back.

Deaths occurring outside the district among persons belonging thereto.																														
Deaths occurring within the district among persons not belonging thereto.								Under 5 5 upwds.																					Under 5 5 upwds.	

NOTES ON TABLES A AND B.

NOTE 1. *Medical Officers of Health of "Combined Districts" must make a separate Return for the District of each District Council.*

2. *Medical Officers of Health acting for a portion only of the District of a District Council should write, in the heading of the Table, the designation of the Division for which they act.*

3. *The words "Urban," "Rural," or "Metropolitan" must be inserted in the appropriate space in the heading, according as the District is Urban or Rural, or is within the Metropolitan Area.*

4. *The "Localities" adopted for the purpose of these statistics should be areas of known population; such as parishes, groups of parishes, townships or wards.*

As stated at the head of the first column in each Table, *Public Institutions* should be regarded as separate localities, and the deaths in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmaries, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.

5. *The deaths which have to be classified in this Table (A), and summed up in the horizontal line of "Totals," are the whole of those registered as having actually occurred in the several localities comprised within the Division or District. But the registered number of deaths frequently requires correction before it can give an exact view of the mortality of a Division or District; and the two lowest horizontal lines are provided for the purpose of enabling Medical Officers of Health to indicate, to the best of their ability, what the extent of such corrections should be. Details concerning the corrective figures, e.g., the institutions that have been considered, or the particular localities to which corrections apply, may appear in the text of the report or in supplementary tables.*

Area and Population of the District
or Division to which this Return
relates.

Area in Acres 30609

Population (1891) 5658

Death Rates.	{	General	<u>177</u>	{	per 1,000
					Population.
		Infant	<u>112</u>		per 1,000
					Births Registered.

In recording the facts under the various headings of Tables A and B, attention has been given to the notes endorsed on the Tables.

Henry Hemsted Medical Officer of Health.

(Date) January 10th, 1895.

TABLE OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, AND OF NEW CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS, coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1894, in the Whitchurch Sanitary Rural Sanitary District; classified according to DISEASES, AGES and LOCALITIES.

NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics; Public Institutions being shown as separate localities. (See Note 2 on back of sheet.)	POPULATION AT ALL AGES.			Registered Births.	Aged under 5 or over 5.	NEW CASES OF SICKNESS IN EACH LOCALITY, COMING TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.													NUMBER OF SUCH CASES REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES IN THE SEVERAL LOCALITIES FOR TREATMENT IN ISOLATION HOSPITAL.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																											
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NOTES ON TABLE B.

(See also Notes on back of Table A.)

- NOTE 1. The present *Table B.* is concerned with population, births, and sickness (not with mortality) in the district or division to which the Table relates.
2. As stated in the heading of Col. (a), *Public Institutions* should be regarded as separate localities, and the new cases of sickness in them should be separately recorded. Workhouses, Hospitals, Infirmaries, Asylums, and other establishments into which numbers of people, and especially of sick people, are received, are Public Institutions for the purpose of these statistics.
3. *Comments on any unequal incidence of notifiable disease upon the several localities, and considerations as to the local incidence of consumption and other prevalent diseases, should be made in the text of the Report.*